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Behind the Scenes On the Home Front



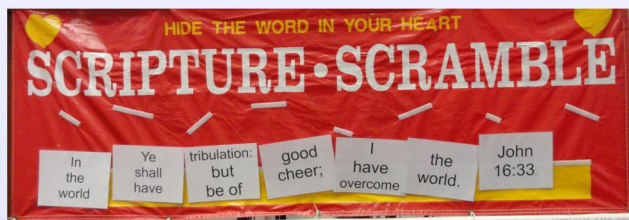
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Here is a "Year in Review 2013," a glance in the rear view Mirror!

Well friends it appears we have slacked off somewhat this past year as we completed only about 230 meetings as opposed to almost 300 last year.

However, we are grateful as we did pass through some deep water this year. Our first visit to the hospital in 14 years since our last child was born—we found our beloved wife in need of gall bladder surgery.



Since Thanksgiving Day 2012 she had suffered off and on with bouts of severe pain. After much study and prayer and fasting (especially on her part as she could only eat salads and veggies with no oils!) and after a fall where she hit her tail bone we went to the emergency room and found gallstones and a blocked bile duct as the problem!

Adria sure was brave and after trying all the natural means she could find alas we needed surgery! "She was on an elimination diet and **nearly got eliminated!**" Losing more than 40lbs she was alarmingly thin before the procedure!

Meanwhile she busied herself with the family and ministry—keeping up her busy teaching schedule—not wanting to miss a beat. We are so grateful to report she is in good health now, has gained weight and is continuing ministry and family needs just as before. Mind you all this was going on as we made our grand "downsize" move into the old Marnel House—living amongst renovation for two months—looking for this and that in the big move! Whew! Makes me tired to write about it!

You may have read all about this move to Stephen's old Homestead in the last newsletter. If not go to www.heartclub.com/newsletters and see more!

Years ago a minister asked me, "But what will you do when all your 12 children are grown and gone from home?" "What will the ministry look like then?" I



Stephen ministering one on one

honestly never thought about that, but here we are! Many times when we go to minister it's only myself and Adria. John is now 18 and finishing High School and Miracle is 14, in Middle School. Besides John and Miracle at home we have a dog, "Buster", a cat "Jasper," two hens, a flop-eared rabbit and a guinea pig named "Cookie Dough."

The ministry continues by God's Grace...

All those TV Shows we did years ago (1988-2002) are still airing on satellites and other stations. We still send out CD's and prizes to those joining the Hide the Word Club and memorizing scripture via the TV Mail.

Adria works diligently on Bible Teaching Power Points which we use in School Chapels, Sunday ministry, and Special Meetings.



Adria teaching chapel at TCS

Our week goes something like this:

Sunday AM Adria teaches 2-3 times at her local Korean Church while I hold one or two meeting at another church.

Sunday PM we pick up donated bread and bagels by the bucket loads which we distribute on

Monday Morning to several ministries and a school.

Tuesday PM we teach 3rd grade at Cornerstone Ministries to inner city kids—anywhere from 8-15 in the class. A great ministry, feeds the kids they bus in Pizza, play games and teach the Bible from Genesis to Revelation! **Wednesday AM** we often do a School Chapel.

Thursday AM in its season we practice Bible Bowl with about a dozen 5-8th grade students. Then we rush to pick up Frozen Food Donations which we then distribute to local needy ministries.

Thursday PM once a month we accompany a team to do Nursing Home Ministry.

Friday we prepare for the weekend or have special services such as September Super Missionary Story Nights.

Saturday AM once a month we help with a Hispanic Park outreach by singing and preaching and feeding migrant workers who gather in a nearby park.

Saturday PM at present we teach a High School and Jr High student Bible Study. Then we start over again on Sunday morning. Hallelujah! That's a "plate full!"

All of the above ministry is volunteer except for the church and chapel related ministry where we receive a love gift offering! The Lord is faithful to make up the slack financially each and every month **thanks to many of you!**

This is what 2 young at heart kids approaching their Senior years can do with **His help** of course!

We are so grateful to be able to do the things we love to do—teach, sing, and see lives changed for the better by His Spirit and Word. And to be able to do this **together** is a gift unspeakable and full of glory!

Our pray is that we too like Christ and Paul said, "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to **finish** His work. John 4:34 "That I might **finish** my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received Acts 20:24

Of course we cannot do it without the Author and **finisher** of our faith! Heb 12:1,2 So let's all keep looking to Jesus, trusting Him in all our ways!

Thank you for taking time to read this little report. We do this to remind ourselves of all the good things God has done this year and to let you know what your prayers and support make possible!

God Bless you even more in 2014!

In His love and Service

Stephen E Adria

Star Family Ministries

PS: It would take another volume to tell you what's happening with each of the 12 children and 8 grandchildren! But now and then we find time to post some news on our website, www.heartclub.com. Also you may want to see us on You-Tube—lots of new clips and things on there. www.bibleabcs.tv and www.bibleversions.us will bless you as well.



We mustn't forget to mention that beautiful video of Duc and Mercy's Wedding done professionally by Caleb Berg. If you would like to see it go to You-Tube and type in "Duc and Mercy Our Dream Wedding." It will make you cry and smile! "What God hath wrought!" Glory!

A Pastor friend asked if we would write out our vision for the ministry if we had \$10-20,000 given to us. Dream big he said! Here goes... for a start

1. **Replicate our Music** CD's by the 1,000's to distribute to children everywhere free of charge, or use MP3 devices for such a purpose and include all our kid's music plus missionary stories and more! These make awesome give-aways and prizes for scripture memory. Replace the metal badges with cloth patches—All 12 Badges
2. **Reproduce and package** the best of our TV shows to give to overseas pastors and inner city ministries, prisons etc...
3. **Reprint** 100's of our Coloring Books—Open Your Heart, Cry Out and Shout, We Are Blessed, the Bible Alphabet, and HWH Workbook No 1.
4. **Purchase Ministry Equipment**—DVD duplicator, Laptop, computer, cassette to CD converter....
5. **Update and enhance** our current websites—
6. **Professionally edit and upload** the best of our 120 TV Shows to be used on various TV stations around the nation and the world.
7. **Purchase** a newer model car for the ministry—Adria's '98 Toyota Sienna just turned 380,000 miles



The odometer reading on our Miracle Ministry Car! Thank you Lord for keeping it going!

Here are some excerpts from a few of the letters we have received

Thank you for your ministry! My daughter Karina watches your program every Saturday morning—and re-watches it over and over during the week. She is almost ready to earn her new badge.

Thank You!

C Ayo

Georgia

Dear Star Family,

I would so much like to join your "Hide the Word in Your Heart Club." What a wonderful talented family you are! I watch you every Saturday. God Bless!

Sincerely,

Twilight

Florida

Dear Star Family,

Thank you for your ministry! A few months ago, I had prayed to God to help me find Christian TV programs that my daughter would love to watch—that would engage her, keep her interest and plant seeds in her heart. The next Saturday morning, we turned on the TV to find your broadcast playing! She has loved it ever since. My child is going around the house singing scripture—Praise God! We have been singing some of the songs in our Sunday School—preschool class, too. We will keep hiding the Word in our hearts (mom too!) God continue to bless you, your family and your ministry. Thank you!

Johnny & Cynthia